

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:  
identifying a preference;  
selecting a content item based on the preference;  
storing an initial portion of the content item in a temporary storage cache;  
receiving a request for the content item;  
streaming the initial portion of the content item from the temporary storage cache to a stream synchronizer in response to the request;  
producing a resultant stream using the initial portion of the content item; and  
seamlessly transitioning the resultant stream from the initial portion of the content item to ~~an entire segment of the~~ entire content item.
2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the preference is associated with a user.
3. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the preference includes a playlist.
4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the resultant stream mirrors the ~~entire segment of the~~ content.
5. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising identifying a user associated with the preference.
6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the content includes one of a document, an image, audio data, and video data.
7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting the ~~entire segment of the~~ content to a stream buffer in response to the request.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the transmitting the entire ~~segment of the~~ content occurs simultaneously with streaming the initial portion.
9. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the seamlessly transitioning occurs in real-time.
10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the resultant stream beginning with the initial portion and subsequently followed by a portion of the entire ~~segment~~ content.
11. (currently amended) A system comprising:  
means for identifying a preference;  
means for selecting a content item based on the preference;  
means for storing an initial portion of the content item in a temporary storage cache;  
means for receiving a request for the content item;  
means for streaming the initial portion of the content item from the temporary storage cache to a stream synchronizer in response to the request;  
means for producing a resultant stream using the initial portion of the content item; and  
means for seamlessly transitioning the resultant stream from the initial portion of the content item to ~~an entire segment of the~~ entire content item.
12. (currently amended) A method comprising:  
storing an initial portion of a selected content item in a temporary storage cache;  
streaming the initial portion of the selected content item from the temporary storage cache to a stream synchronizer;  
simultaneously loading an entire ~~segment of the~~ selected content item to the stream synchronizer while streaming the initial portion;  
producing a resultant stream comprising the initial portion of the selected content item;  
and  
seamlessly transitioning the resultant stream from the initial portion of the content item to the entire ~~segment of the~~ content item.

13. (original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising identifying a preference.
14. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the content is selected from a plurality of content in response, in part, to the preference.
15. (original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the transitioning occurs in real-time.
16. (original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising requesting the content.
17. (original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the content includes one of a document, an image, audio data, and video data.
18. (original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising displaying the resultant stream.
19. (currently amended) A system comprising:  
    means for storing an initial portion of a selected content item in a temporary storage cache;  
    means for streaming the initial portion of the selected content item from the temporary storage cache to a stream synchronizer;  
    means for simultaneously loading an entire ~~segment of the~~ selected content item to the stream synchronizer while streaming the initial portion;  
    means for producing a resultant stream comprising the initial portion of the selected content item; and  
    means for seamlessly transitioning the resultant stream from the initial portion of the content item to the entire ~~segment of the~~ content item.

20. (currently amended) A system comprising:  
a media server configured for storing an entire ~~segment of~~ content;  
a client device configured for storing an initial portion of the content wherein the client device is configured to display the content by streaming a resultant stream from the initial portion of the content while simultaneously receiving the entire ~~segment of the~~ content and seamlessly substituting the entire ~~segment of the~~ content for the initial portion using a stream synchronizer.
21. (original) The system according to claim 20, wherein the client device is configured to store the initial portion of the content prior to a request for the content.
22. (currently amended) The system according to claim 20, wherein the client device is configured to receive the entire ~~segment~~ content subsequent to a request for the content.
23. (original) The system according to claim 20, wherein the client device further comprises a preference data module configured for storing information relating to the content.
24. (original) The system according to claim 20, wherein the client device further comprises a temporary storage cache configured for storing the initial portion of the content.
25. (currently amended) The system according to claim 20, wherein the client device further comprises a stream buffer configured for receiving the entire ~~segment of the~~ content.
26. (original) The system according to claim 20, wherein the content includes one of a document, an image, audio data, and video data.
27. (currently amended) A method comprising:  
identifying a user;  
identifying a preference;  
generating a content list using the preference and the user;  
selecting a content item from the content list based on the preference, wherein the content item is a data file having a defined beginning point and ending point;  
prefetching an initial portion of the content item;  
storing the initial portion of the content item in a temporary storage cache;

receiving a request for the content item;

streaming the initial portion of the content item from the temporary storage cache to a stream synchronizer in response to the request;

producing a resultant stream output from the stream synchronizer using the initial portion of the content item;

streaming an entire ~~segment of the~~ content item to the stream synchronizer via a stream buffer while the initial portion of the content item is streaming to the stream synchronizer from the temporary storage cache;

synchronizing the streaming initial portion of the content item and the streaming entire ~~segment of the~~ content item within the stream synchronizer; and

seamlessly transitioning the resultant stream from the initial portion of the content item to the entire ~~segment of the~~ content item before the initial portion ends.